

GUILFORD COURT HOUSE.

The initiatory steps have been taken by the citizens of Guilford and surrounding counties to have a celebration on the battle-field of Guilford Court House on the 15th of March. While history does not record this battle as a victory for the patriots, every true and impartial reader of history must admit it had an important part in so crippling Cornwallis's army as to make his final overthrow seven months later, at Yorktown, possible. I trust you will take suitable action in reference to this proposed celebration.

YORKTOWN.

In October, 1879, there was a call for the meeting of the governors of the thirteen colonial states, to take place in Old Independence Hall, in the city of Philadelphia. I attended that meeting, and then the initiatory steps were taken to have a grand centennial celebration at Yorktown, in October, 1881. In compliance with the plan of representation there agreed upon, I appointed R. B. Peebles, Esq., of Northampton, as the commissioner to represent North Carolina, and he has, at his own expense, attended all the meetings of the commissioners. The United States government has made appropriations for the celebration, and will take charge of the ceremonies. I am anxious to see North Carolina bear a distinguished and honorable part in that memorable event. Her people, being the first to proclaim the great principles of liberty which triumphed at Yorktown, it will be eminently proper for them to participate in the ceremonies dedicated to their commemoration. I therefore urge you to take such action as will insure the state being properly represented on the occasion.